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*ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE*

A device for optical distance measurement, in particular a handheld device, has an emission branch which defines a emission channel and has at least one emission unit for emitting modulated optical radiation in the direction of a target object, a reception branch which defines a reception channel and has at least one receiver, a reference branch which defines a reference path, and a switch unit for deflecting the measurement signal between the emission branch and the reference branch, which switch unit is mechanically driven.